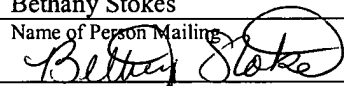
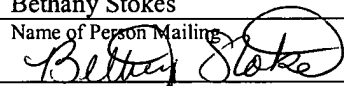
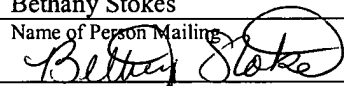




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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 6, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period of response three months, up to, and including January 6, 2006, along with the necessary fee. Please charge the necessary extension fee as well as any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 10069/1040.

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